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For: MULTIPLE ACCESS PROTOCOL SYSTEM  
AND RELATED TECHNIQUES FOR MULTI-  
GIGABIT OPTICAL WAVELENGTH  
DIVISION MULTIPLEXED LOCAL AREA  
NETWORKS

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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated October 15, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows and consider the remarks below: